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COTTON BOLLS OPENING STEADILY INCREASING

As of August 13, **Cotton** bolls opening is currently ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 30 percent of bolls open, compared to 9 percent last year and 24 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 56 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 48 percent not being harvested, 13 percent light, 25 percent moderate, and 14 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 23 percent very poor, 31 percent poor, 37 percent fair, and 9 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate.

Soil Moisture was reported as short to adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Temperatures throughout the State remained above average for the week of August 13. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Kingman and Canyon De Chelly to normal at Gila Bend and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 50 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at twelve stations. Precipitation ranged from 1.20 inches at Douglas to 0.05 inches at Coolidge.

Last week producers in western Arizona shipped watermelons.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 6-AUGUST 12, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	74	6	100	62	0.07	3.20	5.29
Casa Grande	90	n/a	n/a	0	0.00	2.19	4.42
Coolidge	89	1	108	69	0.05	2.69	4.55
Douglas	78	1	96	62	1.20	6.25	7.41
Flagstaff	65	3	86	50	0.61	8.20	13.21
Gila Bend	94	0	111	63	0.09	2.36	3.34
Grand Canyon	66	4	90	49	0.26	6.93	9.06
Kingman	80	6	102	71	0.00	2.22	5.72
Parker	93	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	2.30
Payson	74	1	94	58	1.16	8.94	12.13
Phoenix	92	2	107	78	0.00	3.61	3.92
Prescott Airport	73	3	92	60	0.36	6.05	8.15
Safford Ag Center	81	1	99	63	1.03	2.89	4.95
Tucson	85	1	101	71	0.07	4.61	6.27
Willcox	78	0	96	59	0.80	3.98	6.87
Winslow	77	4	100	57	0.08	2.23	4.20
Yuma	94	1	112	81	0.00	0.30	1.48

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.